

Grace Episcopal Church  
Scripture 202b: Adult New Testament Bible Study  
Lesson 4: Jesus According to Luke and the Synoptics  
Easter 3, St. Mark the Evangelist Day, Wednesday, April 25, 2012

**Tonight:**

Prayer

Synoptics of Mark, Matthew, and Luke

Overview of Luke

Compline

Next Week: Assignment for next week: Read Gospel of John, NOAB, pp. 1879 – 1881 & John Notes  
Fant, pp. 350-357

**Synoptics of Mark, Matthew, and Luke**

Note handout.

**Jesus according to Luke**

Gospel of Luke is part of two volume set of Luke-Acts. Luke 1:1-4, Acts 1:1-11

Fant says Luke was a physician and occasional travelling companion of Paul. Luke does not appear to have a knowledge of the letters of Paul. Reader of books were Gentile Christians as he wrote them in Greek. He used Greek titles. Date written could be between 70 – 100 CE but accepted to be 80 – 85 CE. NOAB/Soards – Could have been written in any Greek speaking, urban Roman center. Highly refined language. Elegant narrative.

Note: Powell's 7.1 Material unique to Luke handout.

Structure:

- Follows Mark's outline of life of Jesus
- Makes several changes, used Q, reworded passages, rearranged passages,
  - Major Additions
    - Prologue
    - Birth of John
    - Birth of Jesus
    - Jesus visiting the temple
    - Post-resurrection appearances of Jesus
- Outline
  - Prologue (1:1-4)
  - Infancy narratives (1:5-2:52)
  - The period of preparation (3:1-4:13)
  - The Galilean ministry (4:14-9:50)

- The spirit of the Lord is upon me (4:18 -19)
- Preaches, teaches and heals
- Sermon on the Plain (6:17-49)
- The journey to Jerusalem (9:51-19:27)
- The Jerusalem ministry (19:28-21:38)
  - Luke does not arrange into a daily scheme like Mark but could have lasted more than a week.
- Passion narrative and resurrection (22 – 24)
  - Like Matthew, Jesus appears to disciples post-resurrection
  - Ends with Ascension

Themes: (Powell)

- Worship and Prayer
  - Hymns
    - 1:46-55,67-79
    - 2:14, 29-32
  - Worshiping and giving thanks to God
    - 1: 46, 64
    - 2:13,20,28,37
    - 4:15
    - 5:25, 26
    - 7:16
    - 13:13
    - 17:15,16
    - 18:1, 43
    - 19:37
    - 23:47
    - 24:52,53
- Food
  - 19 meals, 13 unique to Luke; Jesus accused of being a glutton and drunk (7:34)
  - Gospel stories could have been linked to meals in Luke's day
- Ministry to the Excluded or disadvantage
  - Genealogy links Jesus to all humanity
  - Women, the poor/oppressed,
  - God calls for a reversal of treatment
- Diverse images of Jesus
  - Messiah, son of man, prophet like Moses, servant of the Lord, the return Elijah
  - Jesus is a historical person not a mythological figure
- Salvation available today
  - 2:11, 19:10, 23:43
  - Jesus is the liberator for people to serve, Zacchaeus
  - Second coming might not be imminent
  - Death on the cross is not directly tied to salvation
  - Note Powell's hyperlink 7.9 handout.